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CITY OF MARQUAND CELEBRATES FUNDING FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS WITH USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

In a ceremony on October 26, 2010, Terry Luetkemeyer, Area Director of USDA Rural Development, presented a Mock Check to the City of Marquand. The mock check plaque was presented to Marquand to celebrate \$500,000 in grant funding provided by USDA Rural Development to upgrade the city's Well no. 3 and water treatment plant.

"With the help of competitive grant funds from the USDA, the City of Marquand will be able to upgrade its water system," U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said. "The enhanced water facilities in Marquand will further ensure that its citizens are properly served with a safe and dependable water source."

"Marquand should be very proud of this opportunity to develop another source of drinking water. USDA Rural Development does an exceptional job of finding these kinds of opportunities to invest in our rural communities, and they will be a valuable partner for the City of Marquand as this project takes shape. I'm very pleased to help announce this major investment in the city's water infrastructure," said U.S. Representative Jo Ann Emerson.

"This is a great partnership effort when everyone works together for a common goal of meeting the needs of a community in providing essential services," said Dunning. "This project mirrors USDA Rural Development's mission of being committed to the future of rural communities. I am pleased that so many rural households will benefit from an adequate and dependable water system." Special thanks are extended to our federal elected officials for making available the federal funds for funding these projects."

I hope I never live to see a time when our elected officials decide not to fund the many programs administered by Rural Development, Community Development Block Grant, Department of Economic



Pictured left to right: Bob Burns, Representative from Senator Claire McCaskill's office; Terry Luetkemeyer, Rural Development Area Director; Denny Ward, Mayor; Angie Lord, Marquand City Clerk; Donna Martin, Rural Development Area Specialist and Bob Roe, Water System Operator.

Development, Missouri Arts Council, and others, because that will be the day Rural America as we know and love it ceases to exist,” said Mayor Denny Ward. “These programs, and the dedicated staff who administer them, can be credited for enhancing everyday life for Missourians. Marquand is a beautiful little city that has now been given a golden opportunity to improve its water system, thanks to the combined efforts of many.”

Anyone interested in obtaining information regarding assistance available through USDA Rural Development may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or can contact Donna Martin at the Area Office at the Farmington, MO by calling 573-756-6413, Ext. 5.

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